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Comiguratic Diceromagnetic Tracking	)
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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that the following reference(s) be considered in the examination of the above-identified patent application:

- (A1) (B1) U.S. Patent No. 6,492,816,issued December 10, 2002, by Feenan.
- (A2) (B1) U.S. Patent No. 6,456,074, issued September 24, 2002, by Minas.
- (A3) (A1) U. S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0008516 published January 24, 2002 by Dietz.
- (A4) (A) U.S. Patent No. 5,570,021, issued October 29, 1996, by Dachniwskyj et al.
- (A5) (A) U.S. Patent No. 6,256,898, issued June 12, 2001, by Smith et al.
- (A6) (A) U.S. Patent No. 5,377,678, issued January 3, 1995, by Darrow et al.
- (B1) (A3) EP Patent No. 1193507 by GEC.

- (B2) (A) JP Patent No. 01303140 by Hitachi.
- (B3) (A) JP Patent No. 09000507 by Yokogawa.

The above-identified reference(s) are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and copies (except US) are also enclosed herewith.

This submission, is in no way intended as an admission that the above-cited references constitute prior art under any subsection of 35 U.S.C. § 102. Applicant expressly retains the right to take any actions necessary to remove the above-cited references from the available prior art.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(e), each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. This information is also being submitted prior to a first office action.

Consideration of the above-identified references in the examination of the present patent application is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed to be due because it is believed that this statement and enclosures are being filed before the first Office Action on the merits has been mailed by the PTO. The basis of this belief is that no Office Action on the merits appears to have been received by the undersigned to date. Please charge any fees due in connection with this statement to the deposit account of GTC, Account No. 070845.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	B1	EP-1193507 A		EPO			
	B2	JP- 01303140 A		Japan			
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